

FEDERAL PROPERTY & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT (P.L. 152)

Section 109: Where an advance of funds is not made, The General Services Administration should be reimbursed promptly out of funds of the requisitioning agency in accordance with accounting procedures approved by the Comptroller General. . . .

GAO MANUAL, TITLE 7, CHAPTER 4200 (PAYMENTS TO GSA)

Section 4230.20 - Verification of Receipt of Goods and Services:

Since reimbursements requested are between Government agencies, such a billing may be construed as constructive evidence of receipt and shall be sufficient to establish liability and to make payment accordingly. . . .

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

DOD Instruction 7420.4, July 2, 1957; AFM 177-1, Par. 30981;

ALMAJCOM Letter December 30, 1958, Paragraph 5:

Material shipped from GSA Stores Depots and invoiced on GSA Form 547 will be billed and paid on basis of constructive delivery. . . . all billings will be made on GSA Form 789 supported by an original (or a copy marked original) and one copy of individual invoices or adjustment memoranda. . . . certificate of billing office not required. . . . Direct Delivery Invoices GSA Form 301 and 1430 are included in GSA 789 billings. . . . payment will not be delayed. . . . since items thereon have been receipted for by Air Force recipients prior to inclusion in GSA billings.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ARMY REGULATIONS NO. 35-273 (16 Nov. 1956)

Paragraph 5, f. (Billing Procedures): With respect to the transfers of material or supplies requiring reimbursement, the principle of constructive receipt will be supplied. This principle, for the purpose of these regulations, is defined as the acceptance of financial liability by the ordering agency on the basis of evidence that delivery was made to a common or military carrier. .

Paragraph 20c Purchases from General Services Administration. . . . The policy of the Department of the Army will be to pay promptly the invoices received from the General Services Administration regardless of whether such invoice is supported by the receiving report. . . .

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, BUREAU OF SUPPLIES & ACCOUNTS MANUAL, VOLUME 11,

PARAGRAPH 23143 (Formerly Paragraph 23147)

The receiving activity will forward promptly the complete billing (all copies of the GSA Form 789 and both copies of each supporting invoice) with a signed copy of the inspection report to the appropriate disbursing office for payment. However, in lieu of. . . the inspection report, a certificate of receipt . . . may be made on a copy of the GSA Form 789 and billings forwarded for payment even though the supplies or services have not been reported as received and accepted.

See NAVCOMPT NOTICE 7240, 23 June 1958, Paragraph 4.c. Detachment of Invoices from Billings. . . . most billings are made by periodic statement billings on . . . GSA Form 789 supported by two copies of each invoice. Difficulty is being encountered. . . because some Navy activities are detaching some of the invoices because of non-receipt of material or other reasons and forwarding the remainder of the bill for payment. It is requested that under such circumstances, the entire bill be certified for payment.

APPENDIX A. Excerpts from Authorities Pertinent to Payments to GSA